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May 4, 2020

The Honorable Gavin C. Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Los Angeles Economic Recovery**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The Los Angeles County Delegation is a bipartisan group of all 39 Senators and Assemblymembers from the Los Angeles area. Our focus is to address economic challenges that impact our region. Los Angeles is critical for the state's sustained economic success and thus essential that the county's economy, industry and regional lens be represented in the state's pandemic decision-making bodies.

The Delegation appreciates the industry, sector and regional representation in your Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery. We want you to know that we also are engaged. The Delegation has convened a group of experts in housing, the economy and infrastructure supports to work with us to shape proposals to resuscitate the Los Angeles region and the state once the pandemic subsides. We hope that you will welcome our members and proposals as resources.

We believe that the Los Angeles region must receive its fair share of state resources and opportunities. Los Angeles County's GDP last year was more than \$710 billion, nearly a quarter of California's enormous \$3.1 trillion GDP. Yet, along with the state and the nation, Los Angeles is suffering economically with about 40 percent of the area's jobs at risk and medically from the large numbers of residents who have tested positive for COVID-19.

The potential elimination of jobs in Los Angeles County is the highest in California. The region's revenue outlook includes significant losses, which will have a major effect on programs that the county administers on behalf of its 10 million residents. We are working with economists across California to determine how to help the region recover and we desire to participate in state-wide planning.

While California begins to resuscitate the economy, we ask that you include the Delegation in your conversations and decision-making. Our proposals and collective experience are valuable resources for the state's economic task force. We welcome engagement and hope to collaborate with your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sydney Kamlager', written in a cursive style.

Sydney Kamlager, Chair  
On behalf of the Members of the Los Angeles County Delegation

CC:  
Members of the Task Force on Business and Jobs Recovery

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